



Greenville Middle School

339 Lowndes Avenue
Greenville, SC 29607

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	818 Students	
Principal	Robert L. Palmer	864-355-5600
Superintendent	Mr. Burke Royster	864-355-3100
Board Chair	Mr. Chuck Saylor	803-360-3527

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Good	Good
2009	Good	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located

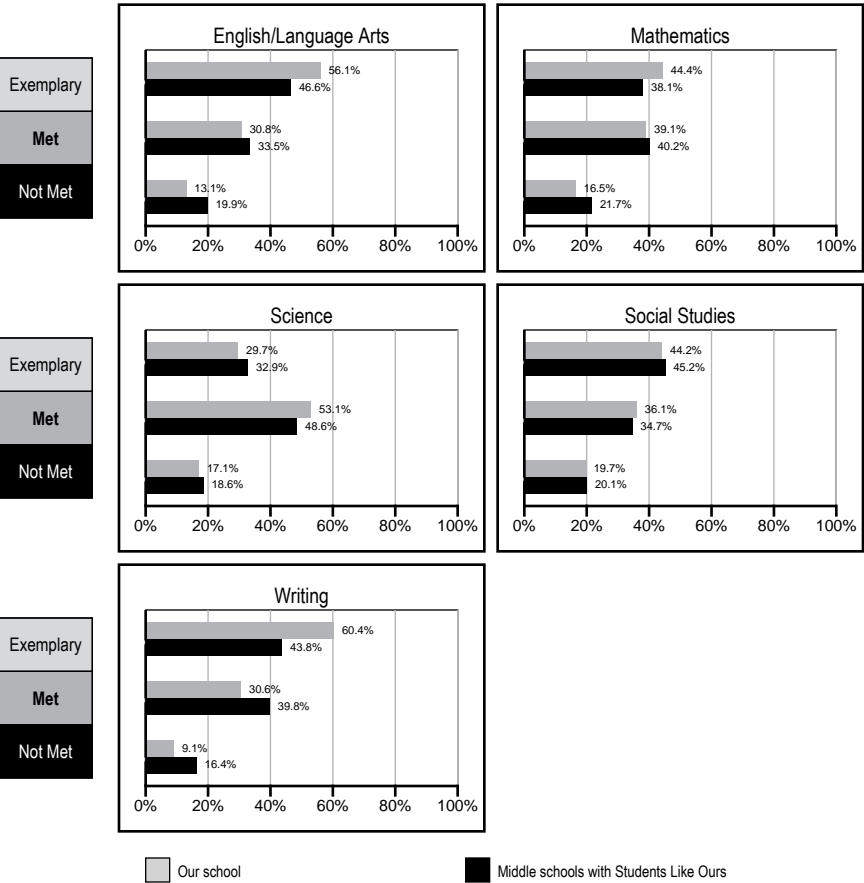
96.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
18	7	5	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/14/2014.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Middle schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	97.5%	95.6%
English 1	100.0%	96.1%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.7%	96.2%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=818)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	39.8%	Up from 35.5%	37.6%	24.6%
Retention rate	1.0%	Down from 1.5%	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 97.1%	96.6%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	31.5%	N/A	27.8%	18.5%
With disabilities	10.7%	N/A	11.3%	13.0%
Older than usual for grade	3.6%	N/A	2.7%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	81.6%	Up from 76.0%	65.6%	61.5%
Continuing contract teachers	79.6%	Down from 82.0%	79.8%	77.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.4%	Down from 91.2%	89.0%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.1%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,947	Up 2.0%	\$49,650	\$47,313
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Down from 9.7 days	10.0 days	10.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.2 to 1	Up from 26.1 to 1	24.2 to 1	22.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Down from 91.5%	90.4%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Down from 100.0%	98.4%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,427	Up 4.4%	\$6,839	\$7,239
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	Down from 63.1%	65.0%	63.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	Down from 62.7%	62.0%	61.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Greenville Middle School Academy of Traditional and Global Studies focuses on reading, writing, and vocabulary development across the curriculum and supports a strong liberal arts interdisciplinary curriculum. We emphasize vocabulary development as part of literature analysis and by close study of Latin and Greek stems. The library Media Center, which contains over 25,000 items for student checkout and research, supports Greenville Middle students as readers and researchers.

Greenville Middle School's mission is to cooperate with home and community to provide diverse, academically challenging, educational experiences to prepare emerging adolescents to become self-directed, confident, life-long learners in a changing technological word and productive participants in a democratic society. Greenville Middle Academy monitors progress toward our mission. We examine norm-referenced and criterion referenced tests, catalog school, students, and teacher awards and achievements, conduct pre/post analyses of student, parent, and teacher surveys, collect samples of student and teacher work, and conduct regular classroom observations. Our findings and recommendations for continued growth can be found in the Greenville Middle School Portfolio.

Greenville Middle and its students receive district, state, and national recognition. Our school has been designated a "Palmetto's Finest" school and received the National Career and Guidance Award. Students have distinguished themselves in state and district contests. Greenville Middle boasts state winners in Junior Beta Club, Mathematics, Science, Strings, Band, Lego Robotics, Writing and National PTA Reflections contest winners.

The success of Greenville Middle's academic program is reflected in recent test scores as well. MAP and PASS scores show continued progress toward our school goal of moving students to higher levels. Our students continue to score above both the district and state averages on the PASS test and our students achieved AYP status three of the past four school years. Because the dynamics of our population changes yearly, Greenville Middle monitors school and student performance as well as opinion surveys yearly to maintain a mission that reflects the strengths and needs of our students. Greenville Middle continues to offer Greenville County students a positive environment for learning and growing.

Robert Palmer, Principal
Mike Douglas, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	53	238	126
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	81.1%	91.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1%	81.9%	82.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.1%	91.9%	83.4%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	92.8
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Greenville Middle School school has been designated as a:

- ☐ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☒ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.0%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 6-8						
All Students	674.6	664.0	639.8	649.5	99.8	99.9
Male	672.5	666.3	644.4	659.9	100.0	100.0
Female	676.8	661.7	635.4	639.3	99.5	99.8
White	691.2	678.6	651.9	666.1	99.8	99.8
African American	647.0	639.7	617.2	623.5	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	647.0	636.8	619.8	618.8	98.9	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	613.2	598.8	583.6	591.8	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	653.4	643.0	622.8	629.2	98.8	100.0
Subsidized meals	649.8	641.0	618.7	625.5	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	628.0	628.0	628.0	628.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	273	100	12.3	23	64.8	87.7
	7	251	100	15.8	33.2	51	84.2
	8	265	100	20.6	26.6	52.8	79.4
2013	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	272	100	8.2	35.4	56.4	91.8
	7	279	100	10.6	30.4	58.9	89.4
	8	265	99.3	19.8	27.8	52.4	80.2
Mathematics							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	273	100	14.6	36	49.4	85.4
	7	251	100	20.3	34.4	45.2	79.7
	8	265	100	23.8	39.7	36.5	76.2
2013	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	272	100	15.6	45.5	38.9	84.4
	7	279	100	15.6	29.3	55.1	84.4
	8	265	99.6	17.4	46.2	36.4	82.6
Science							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	136	100	21.7	49.6	28.7	78.3
	7	250	100	20.4	37.9	41.7	79.6
	8	134	100	17.1	34.1	48.8	82.9
2013	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	137	100	18.5	63.8	17.7	81.5
	7	277	100	17.9	51.7	30.4	82.1
	8	134	100	16.4	43.8	39.8	83.6

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	141	100	8.8	51.8	39.4	91.2
	7	245	100	19.1	27.7	53.2	80.9
	8	131	100	25	27.4	47.6	75
2013	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	139	100	17.6	50.4	32.1	82.4
	7	276	100	20.2	31.9	47.9	79.8
	8	130	100	21.4	33.3	45.2	78.6
Writing							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	263	97.3	14.3	18.9	66.8	85.7
2013	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	269	97.8	11.1	36.5	52.4	88.9
	7	282	97.5	7.7	27.6	64.8	92.3
	8	266	98.1	8.1	27.8	64.1	91.9

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